

**Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC)**  
**Adult Issues Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Friday, July 21, 2017 \* 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM**  
**DDDS Fox Run, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 2540 Wrangle Hill Road, Bear, DE**

**Members present:** Terri Hancharick, Committee Chair, Parent Advocate; Alvin Emory, Self-Advocate; Carol Barnett, Division of Services for Aging Adults and Physical Disabilities (DSAAPD); Bernadette DeAngelis, Advocate; Barbara Monaghan, Self-Advocate; Bill Monaghan, Self-Advocate; Andrew Braune, Danio Diary

**Members absent:** Karen Gallagher, Self-Advocate, Committee Vice-Chair; Vivian Turner, CERTS; Laura Strmel, St. John's Community Services (SJCS); HarrietAnn Litwin, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR); Derrick George, Advocate; Gary Mears, Parent Advocate

**Guests Present:** Cory Nourie, A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children/Nemours

**Staff present:** Kristin Harvey, Social Services Administrator, Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC)

**I. Call to Order:** Terri Hancharick called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

**II. Approval of Minutes:** The committee voted to approve the June, 2017 minutes as written.

**III. Approval of Agenda:** The committee voted to approve the July 21, 2017 agenda as written.

**IV. -Chair's Report:** Terri stated that she continues to work collaboratively with the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDDS) Advisory Council, advocating for full community inclusion and better communication between DDDS and those they serve. Terri also noted that the disability community will be losing a long-time treasured advocate as Brian Hartman, Esq., Director of the Disabilities Law Program (DLP), retires at the end of August. Brian has been a huge help to the Delaware disability community through his advocacy and wisdom. Many pieces of legislation which were written by Brian and went on to become laws are only part of his legacy. The committee inquired about a going-away/retirement party for Brian. Terri stated that (true to form) Brian does not want a big fuss and prefers to "ride happily off into the sunset with no fuss". He will be greatly missed. Laura Waterland, Esq., will be taking Brian's place after he retires as the Director of the DLP.

**V. - Staff Report:** Kristin Harvey stated that she, along with Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) Executive Director Pat Maichle, DDC Chair Barb Monaghan, Bill Monaghan, Alvin Emory and Katie Macklin traveled last week to the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (NACDD) Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Pat and Katie gave a presentation at the conference that focused on the DDC's work focusing on individuals with Down syndrome and their associated risk of developing Alzheimer's disease. The session was well-attended and there were many questions. Kristin stated that she presented at the conference about Delaware's Junior Partners in Policymaking © Program. Her session was also well-attended and the participants asked excellent questions. Kristin is hopeful that the session attendees will take the information that she provided and use it to create a Junior Partners in Policymaking © Program in their home state. She also stated that the NACDD Conference featured a screening of the film "Kathy and Diana: Body and Soul". The film is about two

adult women with disabilities (Kathy and Diana) who live independently in the community. Diana, who has Down syndrome is the primary caregiver for Kathy, who has Cerebral Palsy. The film follows their story from shared experiences of early childhood, living in a group home, deciding that they wanted to be independent and live on their own, and the struggles and triumphs that have come their way. Kristin stated that she hopes a screening of the movie can be arranged here in Delaware, and encouraged the committee members to see the film.

#### **VI.- Current Business:**

- A. Discussion with Cory Nourie regarding the starting point for the committee's healthy sexuality and people with disabilities education and resource program:** Cory noted that her partner for the project, Dr. Amy Renwick, was not able to attend today, so this would be a preliminary discussion. Dr. Renwick will attend the August committee meeting with Cory for a more in-depth discussion. The committee discussed several points that they feel are important to include in the training. These included, but were not limited to: discussion about sexually-transmitted diseases, online relationships, consent, safety, social cues, LGBTQ youth, and relationships in general. Since the program will hold sessions for young adults with disabilities and their parents at the same time, but in different locations, the committee had some questions about logistics. What if a parent wants to come, get the information from the parent session, and take it home to their child? Cory and the committee agreed that this would not be effective. However, if a young adult wanted to attend a session and their parent would prefer not to attend the parent session, which would be fine. Cory stated that Nemours plans to have two sessions in New Castle County (at Nemours), one in Kent County (at the Transition Conference), and one in Sussex County (most likely in Seaford). Cory said that, per the proposal, Nemours anticipates starting to offer the program in December, 2017. Since Kristin Harvey will be out of town next month when Cory and Dr. Renwick return, the committee requested that Emmanuel Jenkins attend the committee meeting in her stead.
- B. Review and Scoring of proposals received in response to RFP 1704- Down syndrome and Alzheimer's Disease Public Awareness Campaign:** The committee was fortunate to receive two very well-thought-out and professionally prepared proposals in response to RFP 1704. The committee thoroughly reviewed each proposal prior to the meeting and came prepared with thoughts and questions regarding each proposal. Per DDC requirements, the committee completed the Proposal Evaluation and Scoring form for each proposal. While both proposals had their merits, they ultimately decided on one. Terri will present the committee's motion to fund the proposal at the DDC's upcoming full Council meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
- C. Committee Vote on proposal:** Previously discussed, see item B.
- D. Designate Chair or Member of Committee to present RFP to the full Council:** Previously discussed, see Item B.

#### **VII. New Business:**

There being no new business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 AM.